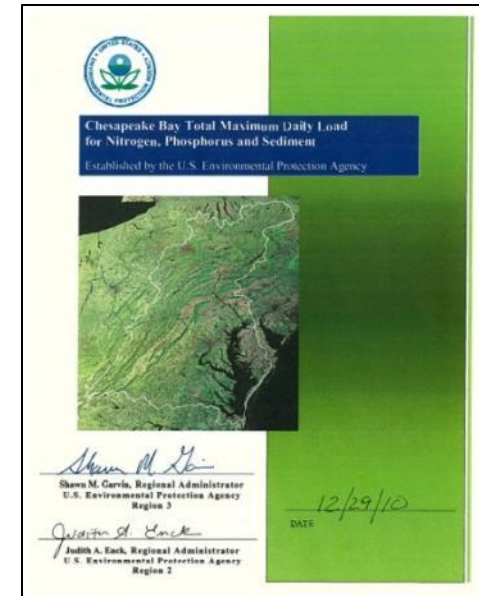


Alternative Futures: Accounting for Growth in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed



**Pollution Diets,
Offsets, and
Alternative Futures,
Oh My!**



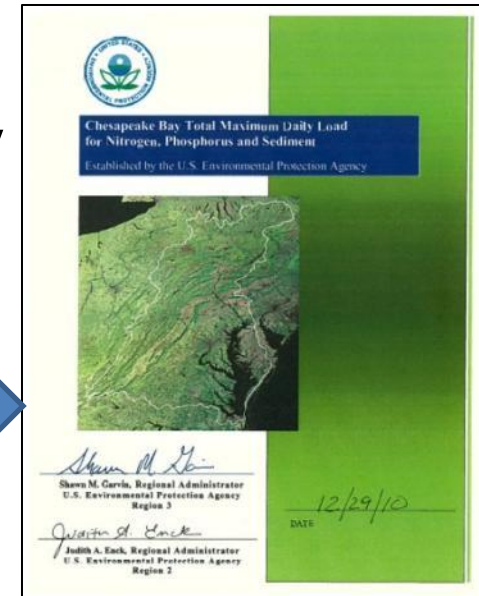
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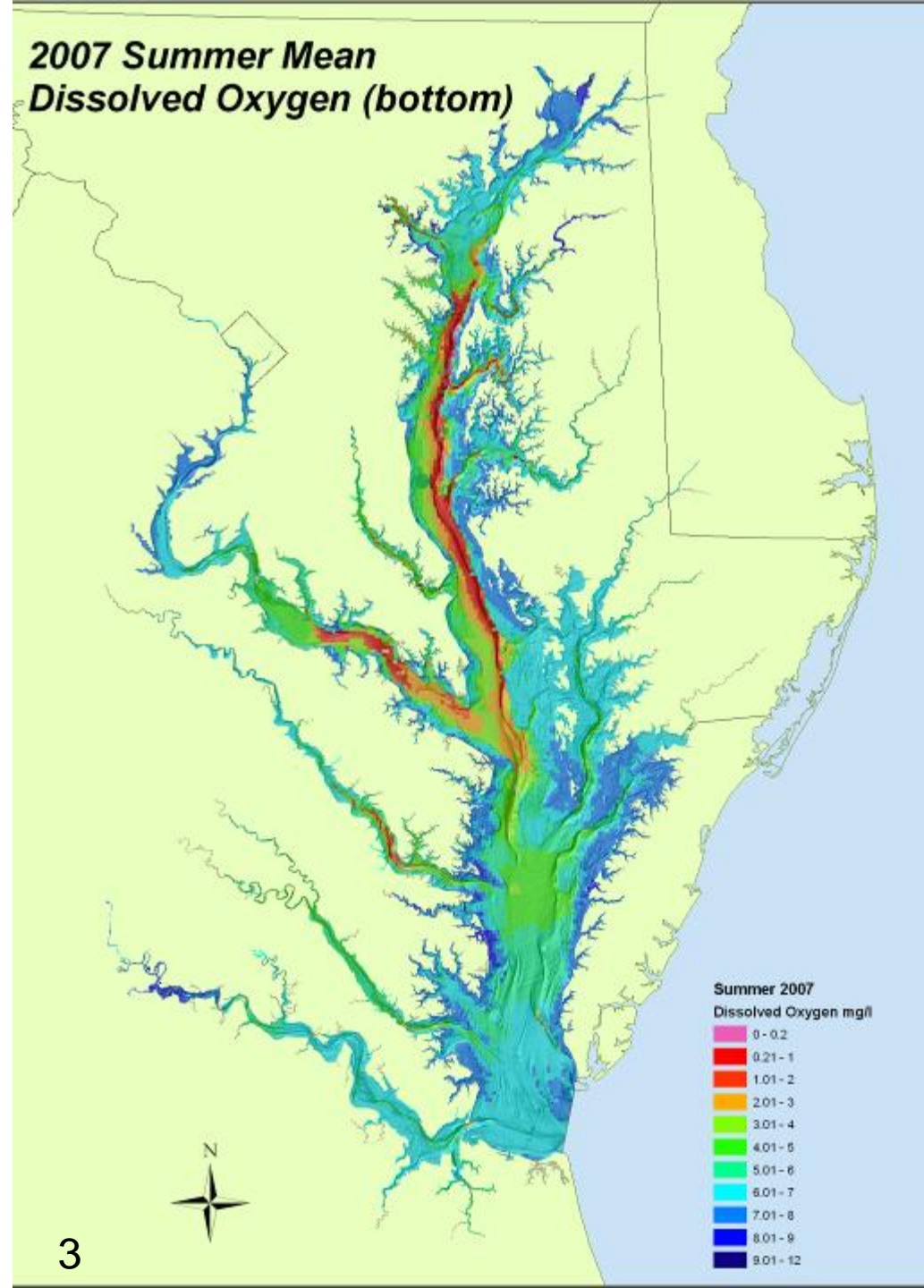
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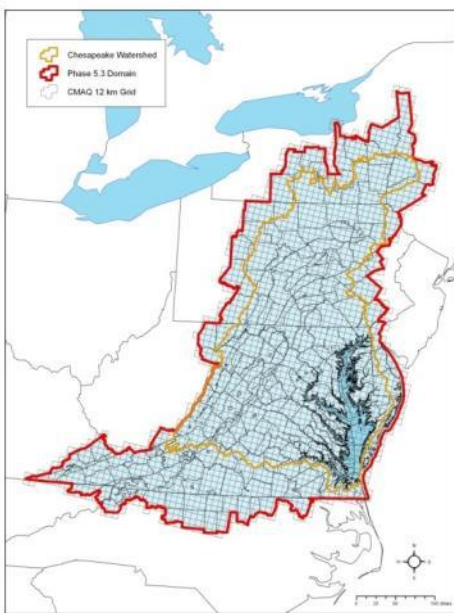
Here's the Bay Watershed on a Diet →



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**Low to no
dissolved oxygen in
the Bay and tidal
rivers every
summer....and
reduced water
clarity, lack of
underwater grasses,
harmful algal blooms
(did I mention
hurricanes?!?)**

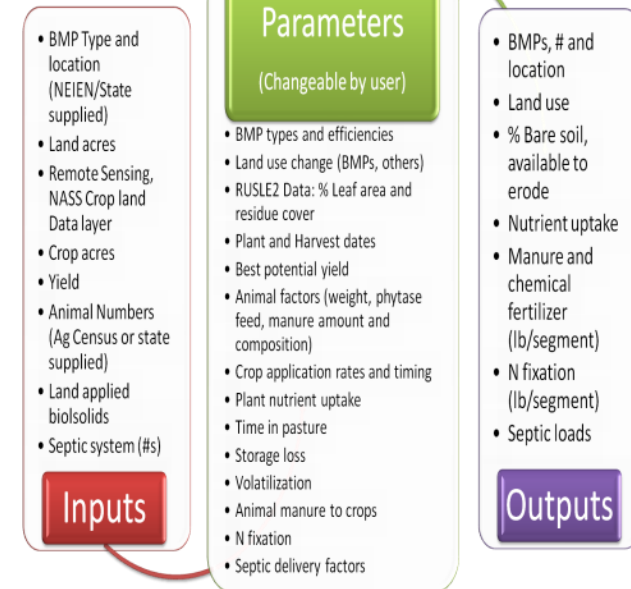




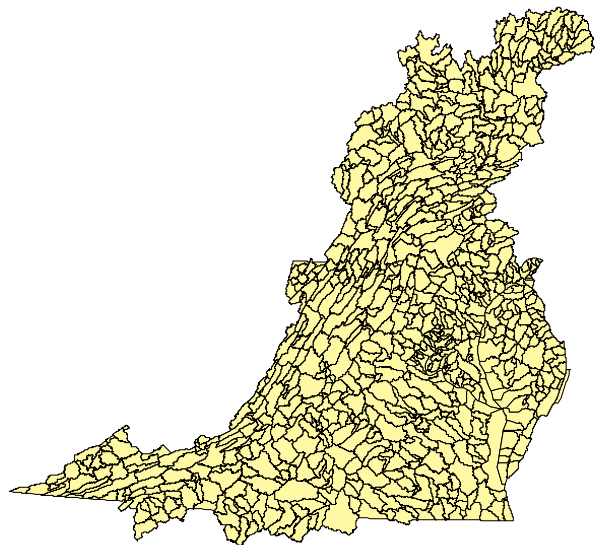
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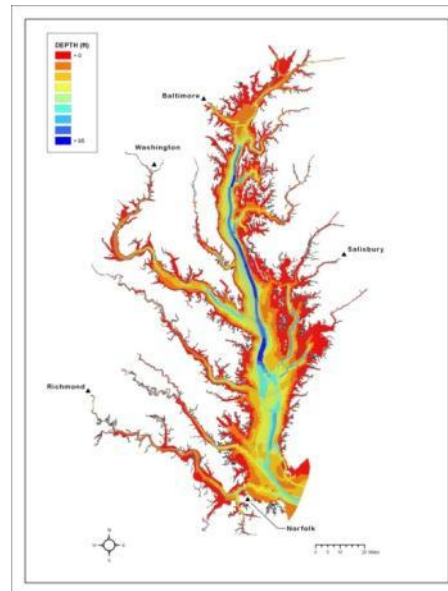
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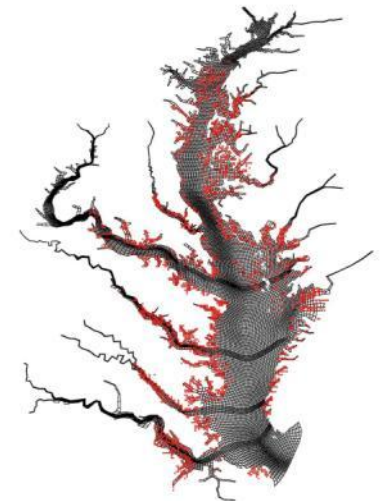
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Chesapeake Bay Watershed Model

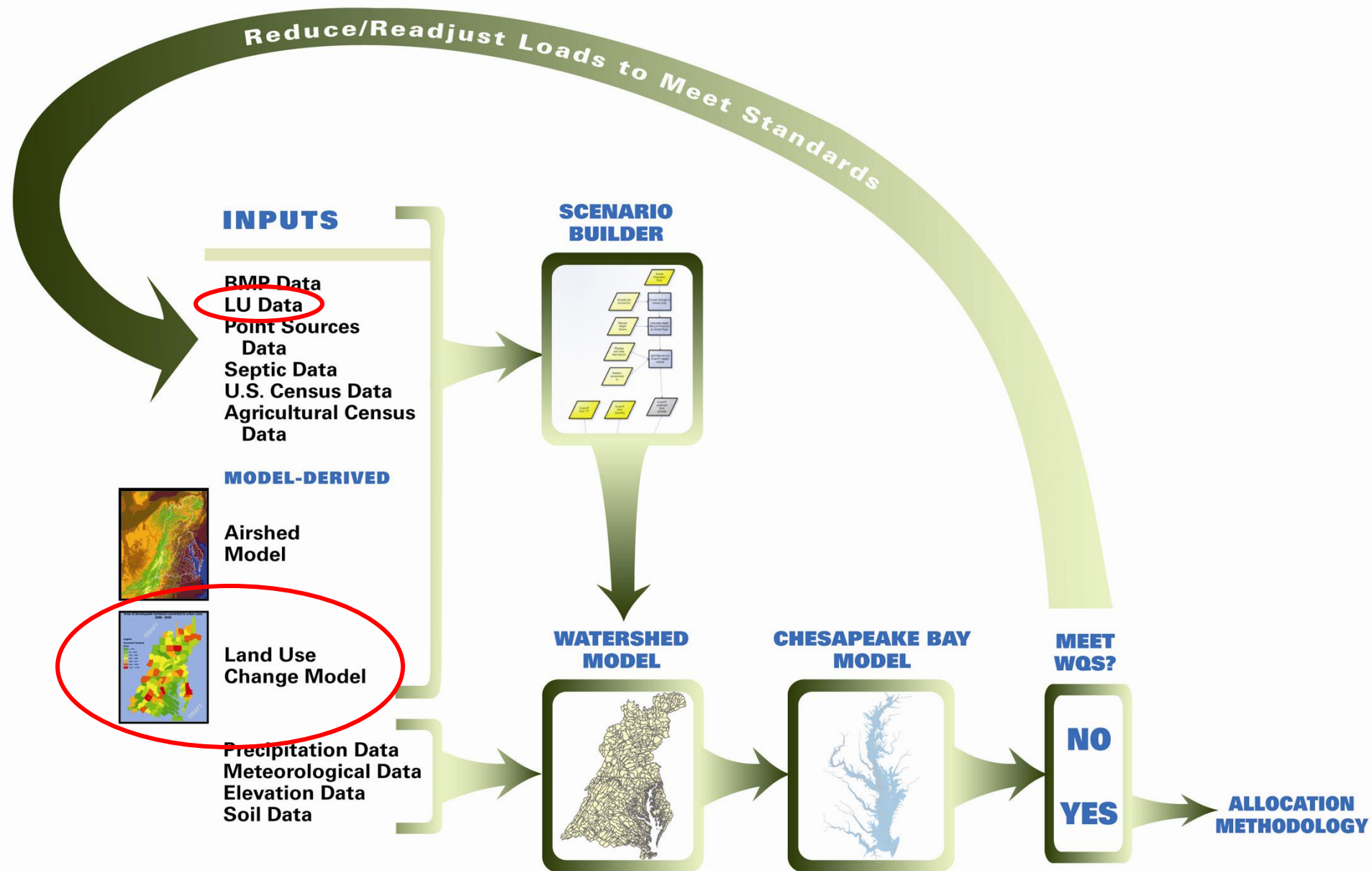


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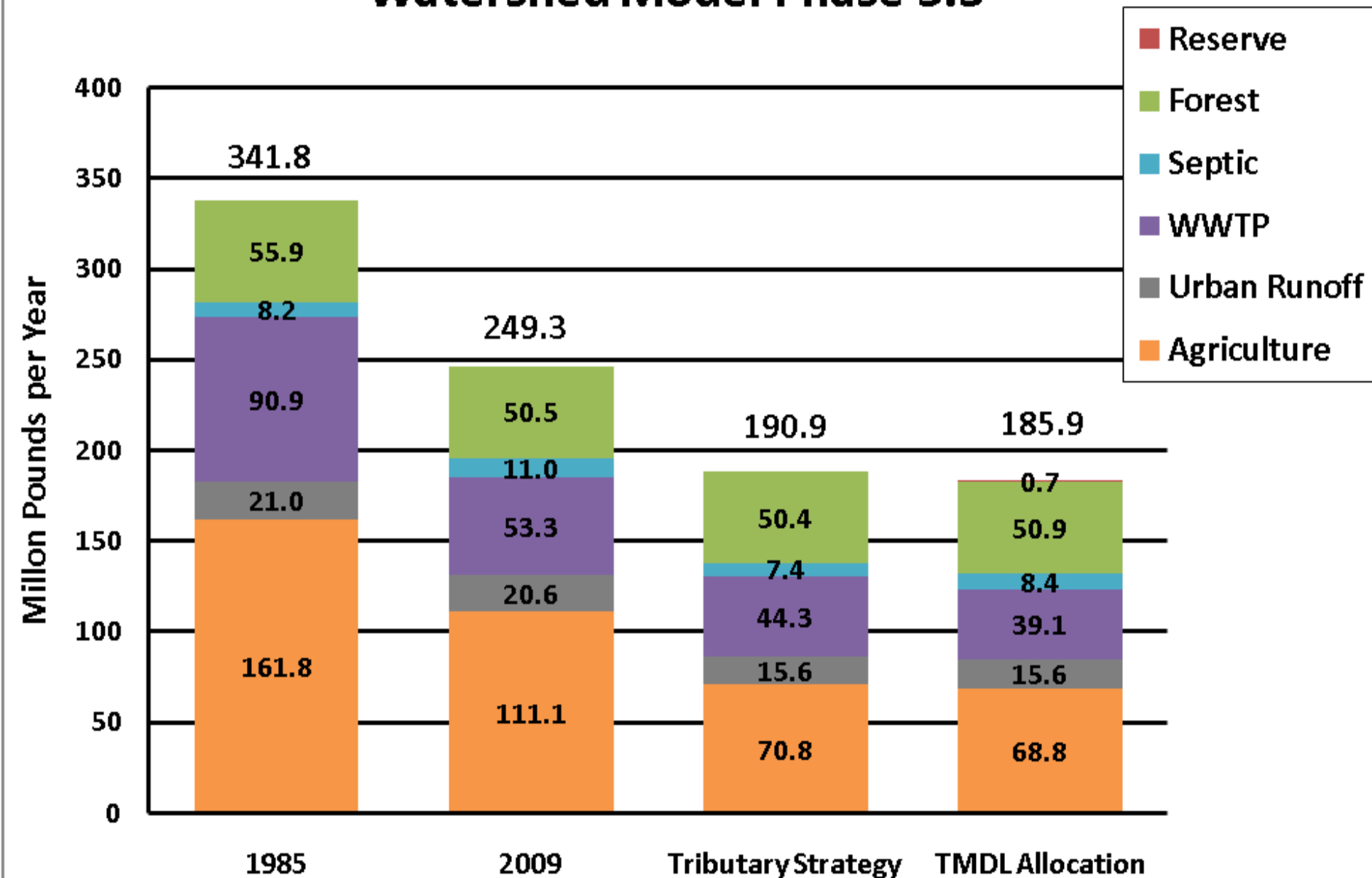


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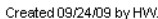
Suite of Models/Tools Used in Bay Restoration Decision-making



Nitrogen Loads by Source Sector and Scenario - Watershed Model Phase 5.3



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Jurisdictions' Watershed Implementation Plans

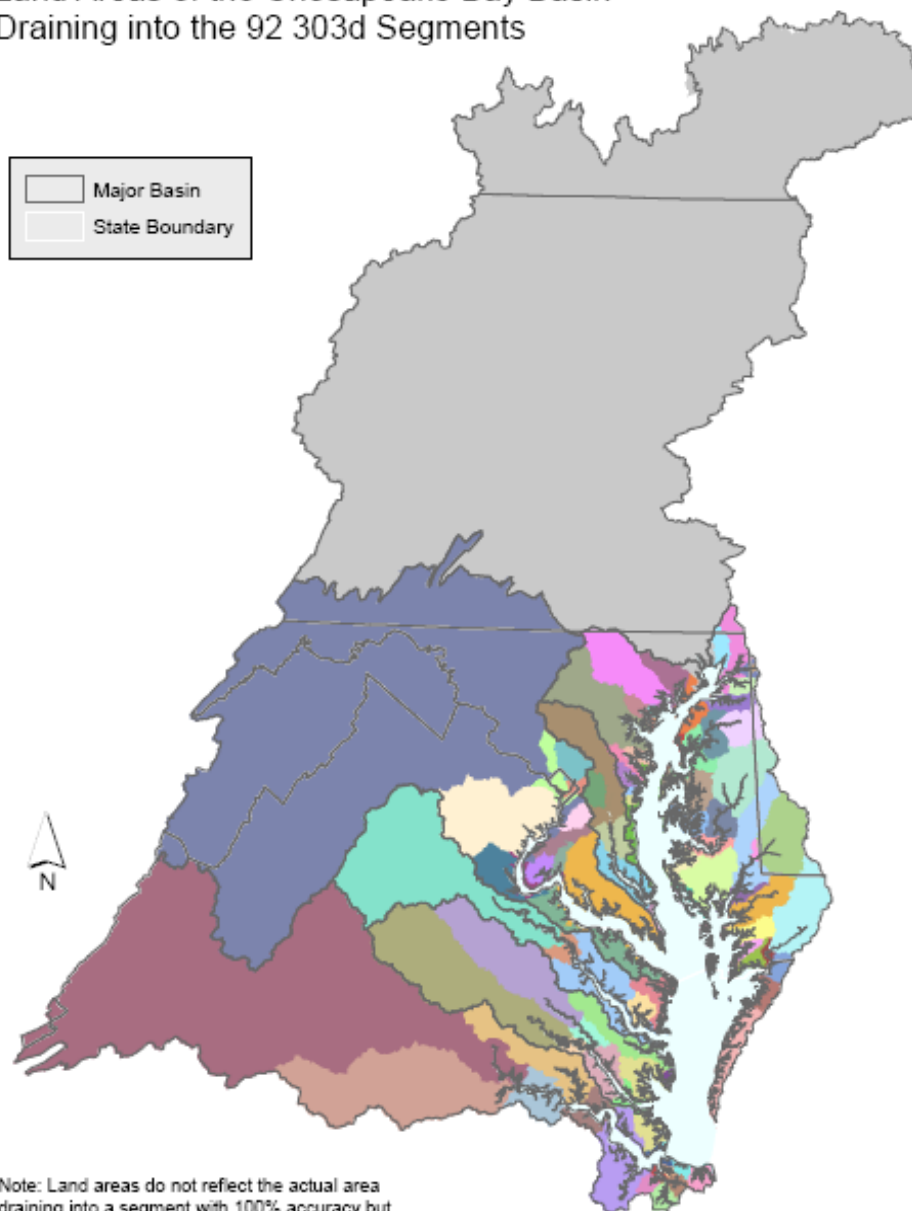
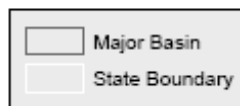


92 Individual TMDLs

Table B2. Format for Submitting Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan Outputs

St.	Maj. Basin	Impaired Segment Drainage	Unique Code	Source Sector ^b	Type ^c	NPDES Permit
MD	W. Shore	PAXTF	MWPTF	Agriculture-CAFO	Agg. WLA	
				Agriculture-CAFO	Ind. WLA	MD356913
				Agriculture	LA	
				Subtotal: Agriculture		
				Wastewater: POTW#1	Ind. WLA	MD012452
				Wastewater: POTW#2	Ind. WLA	MD013943
				Wastewater: Indus #1	Ind. WLA	MD821672
				Wastewater: Indus #2	Ind. WLA	MD853653
				Subtotal: Wastewater		
				Onsite	LA	
				Urb/Suburb Runoff: MS4	Agg. WLA	MD546195
				Urb/Suburb Runoff: Non-MS4	LA	
				Urb/Suburb Runoff: MS4	Ind. WLA	MD892645
				Industrial Stormwater	Agg. WLA	
				Industrial Stormwater	Ind. WLA	MD246139
				Construction	Agg. WLA	
				Subtotal: Urb/Suburb		
				Forest	LA	
MD	W. Shore	SEVMH	MWSeM	Agriculture-CAFO	Agg. WLA	MD382614
				Agriculture	LA	
				Subtotal: Agriculture		
				Wastewater: POTW#1	Ind. WLA	MD083699
				Wastewater: POTW#2	Ind. WLA	MD054732
				Wastewater: Indus #1	Ind. WLA	MD836679
				Wastewater: Indus #2	Ind. WLA	MD854469
				Subtotal: Wastewater		
				Onsite	LA	
				Urb/Suburb Runoff: MS4	Agg. WLA	MD588578
				Urb/Suburb Runoff: Non-MS4	LA	
				Subtotal: Urb/Suburb		
				Forest	LA	
MD	W. Shore			Reserve for Growth	WLA/LA	
MD	W. Shore		MW	Total		

Land Areas of the Chesapeake Bay Basin Draining into the 92 303d Segments



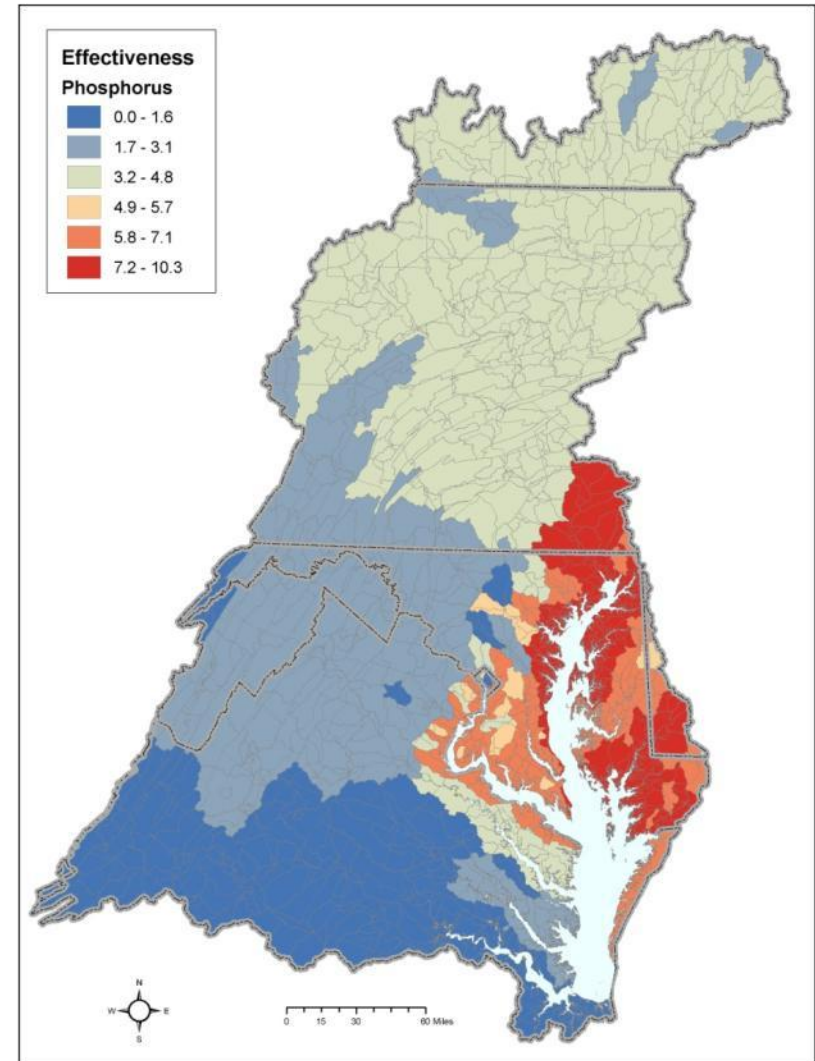
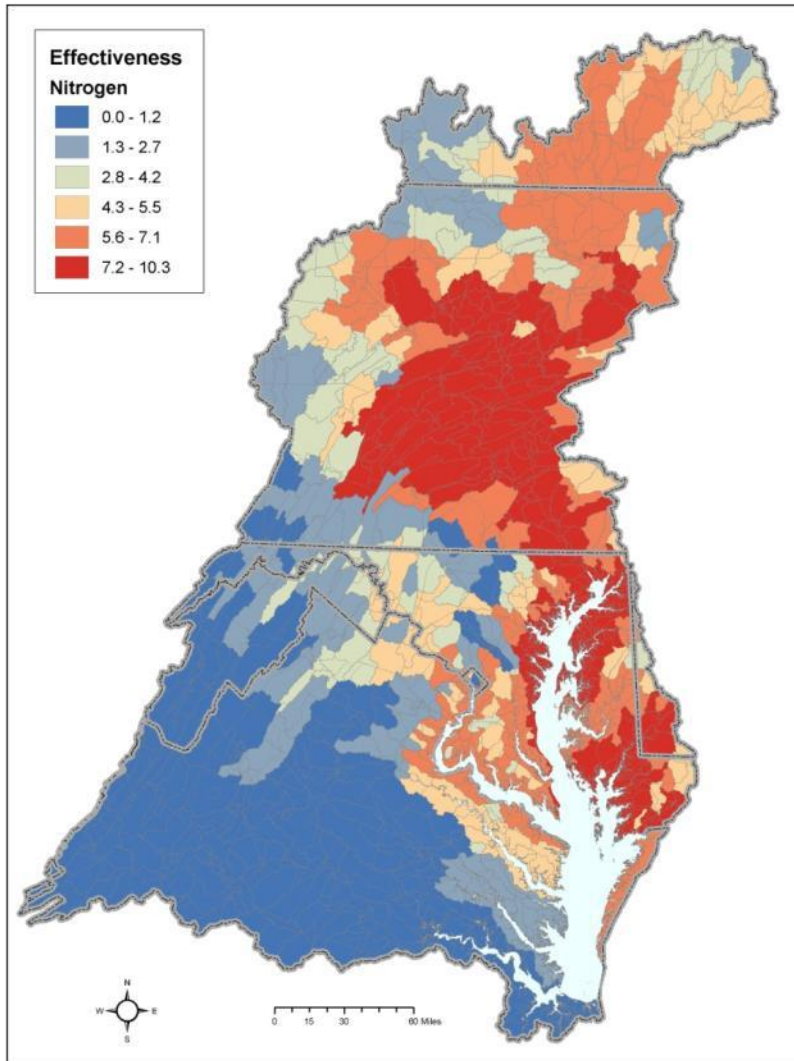
Note: Land areas do not reflect the actual area draining into a segment with 100% accuracy but are basically correct at the map scale.

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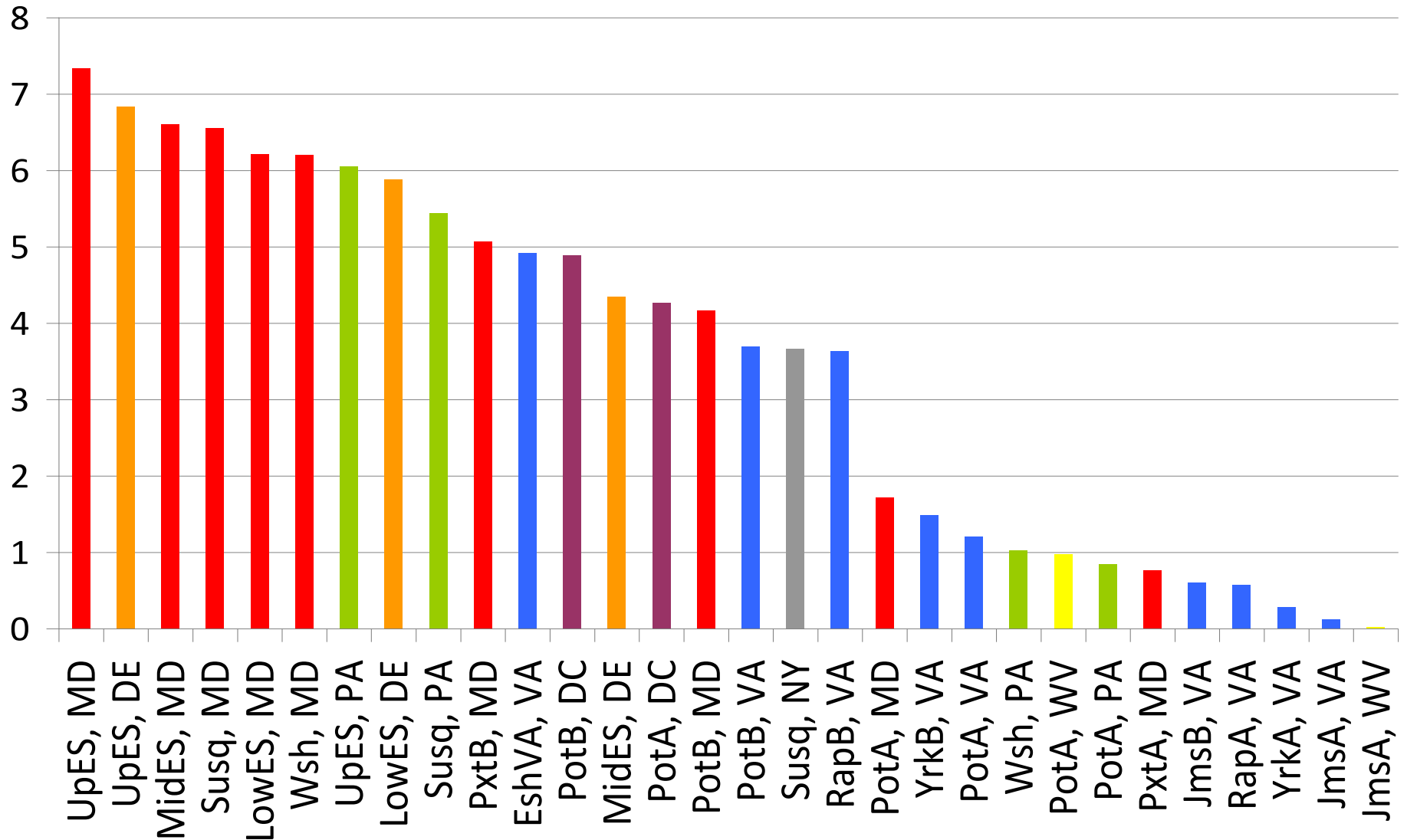
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LOCATION OF INCREASES IN POLLUTANT LOADS MATTERS!

Relative Effect of a Pound of Pollution on Bay Water Quality



Major River Basin by Jurisdiction Relative Impact on Bay WQ



Progress and Path Forward

- **Nitrogen Load Reductions**
 - **27.1 % progress since 1985** in the face of substantial watershed growth and development (26% pop increase)
 - **The Path Forward: 25%** further reduction from 2009 levels over the next **14 years (2025)** while holding the line*
- **Phosphorus Load Reductions**
 - **31.5% progress since 1985** in the face of substantial growth
 - **The Path Forward: 24%** further reduction from 2009 levels over the next **14 years** and holding the line*

*Offsetting new and increased loadings in the interim

EPA Guidance on Offsets

- Set aside an allocation for future new or increased nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment loads [OR]
- “The jurisdiction will ‘offset’ any new or increased nutrient and sediment loads by a reduction elsewhere that would **account for the entire delivered nutrient and sediment loads after accounting for location of the sources, delivery factors, equivalency of pollutants, and the certainty of any such reductions.**”

EPA Guidance on Offsets

- “Where a jurisdiction’s progress toward implementing strategies is not on schedule to ensure that nutrient and sediment controls are in place by 2017 and 2025 to meet interim and final target loads, EPA would expect any new or increased nutrient and sediment loads to be compensated for by a **‘net improvement offset’ that quickens the pace of implementing controls** to meet Bay water quality standards.”
- “As EPA uses the term, ‘a net improvement offset ratio’ is an offset ratio **greater than merely accounting for the entire delivered load.**”

EPA Guidance on Offsets

- “EPA believes that a “net improvement offset for any new or increasing discharges will help achieve load reductions and meet the Bay’s water quality standards more quickly than an offset that merely accounts for the delivered load.”
- “EPA expects that WIPs will describe how a program for managing offsets or ‘net improvement offsets’ to meet water quality standards **will be structured and enforced.**”

EPA Guidance on Offsets

- In particular, EPA expects jurisdictions to describe how any offsets would address the following:
 - Consistency
 - Sustainability
 - Quantifiable
 - Enforceable
 - Authority
 - Progress

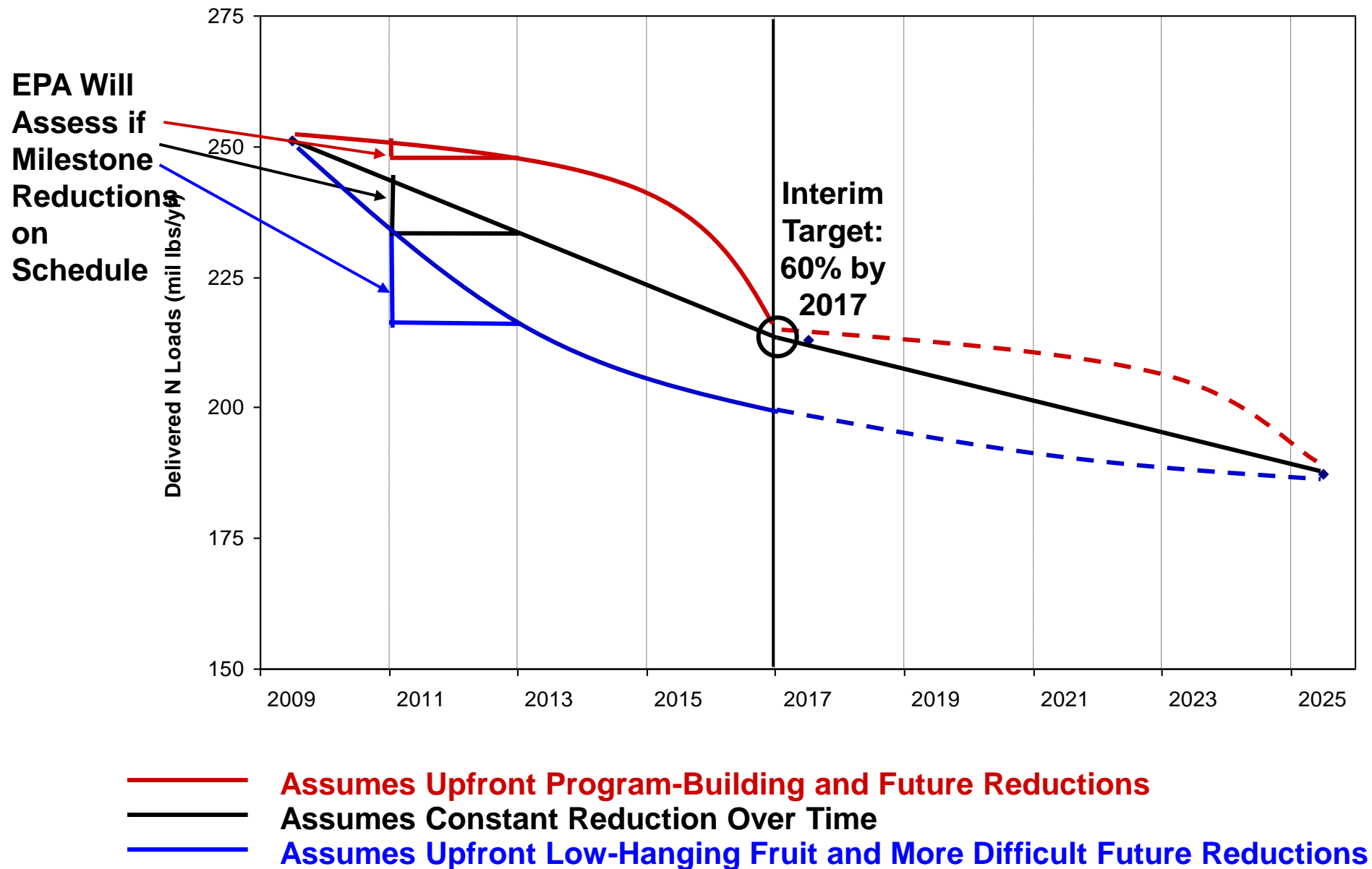
EPA Guidance on Offsets

- “If a Bay jurisdiction has not chosen to explicitly reserve pollutant loading for new or increased point or nonpoint sources of nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment in their WIP, does not provide a credible strategy to offset new or increased point or nonpoint loads, or fails to offset new or increased loads, **EPA may take actions as described in the EPA letter of December 29, 2009.**”

We have the tools to evaluate the effect of policies, plans, and strategies that concentrate growth in areas with adequate supporting infrastructure minimize future increases in impervious surfaces, lawns, and wastewater loads associated with population growth....let's just do it!



Two-Year Milestones and 2017



Recommended Reading

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